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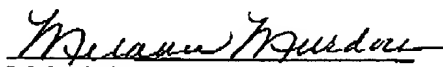
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Applicant(s): Mazzurco, et al. Docket: 135815  
Serial No.: 09/858,099 Art Unit: 2661  
Filed: May 15, 2001 Examiner: Ian N. Moore  
Title: Common Protection Architecture for Optical Network


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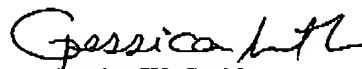
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1.	09/903,268	July 11, 2001	Method and Apparatus for Signalling in a Shared Protection Ring Architecture
2.	09/858,098	May 15, 2001	Optical Shared Protection Ring for Multiple Spans

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